Anticipation Discussion Guide for Huckleberry Finn

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| Statement and Support | Before Reading/Discussion  True False | | | | After Reading/Discussion  True False | | |
| Jim’s rough & ignorant dialect, systematic use of broken grammar, gawky expressions and ill-bred tone makes Jim seem dumb and ignorant, is derogatory and perpetuated negative black stereotypes. |  | |  | |  | |  |
| Support: | | | | | | | |
| Labeling Jim as “Nigger Jim” has racist  tones, regardless of the novel’s setting or any intent to offer historical accuracy, due to the universally negative connotation associated of the term. |  | |  | |  | |  |
| Support: | | | | | | | |
| Huck’s sense of morality in the novel is flippant at times. He tells fibs and stretches the truth, disrespects authority and disobeys rules, but caves in to his Pa, Aunt Sally, and others. When he does these things he feels guilt, remorse, or regret only some of the times while at other times feels nothing.  Hence, Huck’s morality is hypocritical. |  | |  | |  | |  |
| Support: | | | | | | | |
| Despite personal beliefs or opinion, there is an unquestionable overtone of the novel that is racist or immoral at times. |  |  | |  | |  | |
| Support: | | | | | | | |